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City of Kankakee Codes Get Updated

Kankakee, **IL** – City of Kankakee codes were recently updated from 2003 to 2018 and are now current. Codes are updated every three years through the International Code Council (ICC). The City of Kankakee has been following the 2003 Building Codes and the 2009 Property Maintenance Code. By updating codes, Insurance Services Office (ISO) ratings have potential to be lowered which means the City has a better chance of getting a discount on insurance for the community.

"We began the process last Summer and worked on it each month to bring it to City Council. The further you are behind as a City in codes, the insurance is higher, but once you are updated and current, your residents will see savings. Updating our codes was a much-needed process," said Alderwoman and Building and Code Safety Committee Chairman, Cherry Malone-Marshall.

Insurance Services Office (ISO) products and services help insurers underwrite and price risks with greater precision and efficiency, as well as manage claims more effectively across the spectrum of commercial and personal lines of insurance.

"I appreciate the leadership of our Code Official, Tomora Nelson and Alderwoman Cherry Malone Marshall, who chairs the code committee. Together they diligently worked to complete this much needed update. As we move *Kankakee Forward*, the City will continue to pursue and implement best practices to improve the efficiency of services provided to residents," said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

The Building and Code Safety Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Public Safety Building in Kankakee. The meetings are open to the public.

The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant, and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow, and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive, and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.